

than 3 candidates for nomination as Chief Financial Officer of the Virgin Islands. Each candidate must have demonstrated ability in general management of, knowledge of, and extensive practical experience at the highest levels of financial management in governmental or business entities and experience in the development, implementation, and operation of financial management systems. Candidates shall not have served in a policy making or unclassified position of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the 10 years immediately preceding appointment as Chief Financial Officer.

(c) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

(1) **NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.**—The Commission shall be composed of 9 members appointed not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. Persons appointed as members must have recognized business, government, or financial expertise and experience, and shall be appointed as follows:

(A) 1 individual appointed by the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

(B) 1 individual appointed by the President of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands.

(C) 1 individual, who is an employee of the Government of the Virgin Islands, appointed by the Central Labor Council of the Virgin Islands.

(D) 1 individual appointed by the Chamber of Commerce of St. Thomas-St. John.

(E) 1 individual appointed by the Chamber of Commerce of St. Croix.

(F) 1 individual appointed by the President of the University of the Virgin Islands.

(G) 1 individual appointed by the Chief Judge of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court.

(H) 1 individual, who is a resident of St. John, jointly appointed by the At-Large Member of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands and the St. John administrator.

(I) 1 individual appointed by the Advocates for the Preservation of the Retirement System.

(2) **TERMS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Each member shall be appointed for the life of the Commission.

(B) **VACANCIES.**—A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the remainder of that term.

(3) **BASIC PAY.**—Members shall serve without pay.

(4) **QUORUM.**—Five members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

(5) **CHAIRPERSON.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Chairperson of the Commission shall be determined by a majority vote of the members of the Commission.

(B) **CHAIRPERSON PRO TEM.**—Until the Commission elects a Chairperson under subparagraph (A), the Chairperson pro tem shall be the individual appointed under paragraph (1)(G).

(6) **MEETINGS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairperson or the Chairperson pro tem.

(B) **INITIAL MEETING.**—Not later than 15 days after all members have been appointed under this subsection, the Commission shall have its initial meeting at the call of the Chairperson pro tem.

(7) **GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT.**—Members may not be current government employees, except for the member appointed under paragraph (1)(C).

(d) **REPORT; RECOMMENDATIONS.**—The Commission shall transmit a report to the Governor and the Natural Resources Committee of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate not later than 60 days after its first meeting. The report shall name the Commission's recommendations for can-

didates for nomination as Chief Financial Officer of the Virgin Islands.

(e) **TERMINATION.**—The Commission shall terminate 210 days after its first meeting.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions apply:

(1) **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.**—In sections 1 and 2, the term "Chief Financial Officer" means a Chief Financial Officer or Acting Chief Financial Officer, as the case may be, appointed under section 1(a).

(2) **COMMISSION.**—The term "Commission" means the Virgin Islands Chief Financial Officer Search Commission established pursuant to section 2.

(3) **GOVERNOR.**—The term "Governor" means the Governor of the Virgin Islands.

(4) **REMOVAL FOR CAUSE.**—The term "removal for cause" means removal based upon misconduct, failure to meet job requirements, or any grounds that a reasonable person would find grounds for discharge.

SEC. 4. NO ABROGATION OF POWERS.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed to allow the Governor and Legislature of the Virgin Islands to dilute, delegate, or otherwise alter or weaken the powers and authority of the Office of Management and Budget established under the laws of the Virgin Islands.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COCOPAH LANDS ACT

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 673) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona, into trust as part of the reservation of the Cocopah Indian Tribe, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from the Virgin Islands?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 673

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Cocopah Lands Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) The reservation of the Cocopah Indian Tribe of Arizona is located in Yuma County, Arizona.

(2) That reservation was created by an Executive order signed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1917.

(3) That reservation is made up of 3 non-contiguous tracts of land.

(4) The Tribe inhabits all 3 parts of the reservation.

(5) The Tribe purchased the additional lands to provide infrastructure to housing areas, water, and economic development to tribal members.

(6) The current trust land base of the reservation is insufficient to provide such needs.

(7) The Tribe acquired 7 parcels of land contiguous to its present reservation lands in 1986, 1993, 1997, and 2005, and these parcels are currently classified as "Indian Lands" under Federal law.

(8) The acquired parcels shall not be taken into trust for gaming purposes.

(9) The best means of solving the Tribe's land and economic needs to its tribal members is to require the Secretary to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona, that are acquired by the Tribe into trust for the Tribe subject to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this Act, the following definitions apply:

(1) **TRIBE.**—The term "Tribe" means the Cocopah Indian Tribe of Arizona.

(2) **SECRETARY.**—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 4. LANDS TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST.

(a) **LANDS TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST.**—If the Tribe transfers title to the land described in subsection (b) to the Secretary, the Secretary shall take that land into trust for the benefit of the Tribe, if at the time of such transfer there are no adverse legal claims to such land, including outstanding liens, mortgages, or taxes owed.

(b) **LAND DESCRIBED.**—The land referred to in subsection (a) is described as follows:

(1) **PARCEL 1 (SIBLEY PURCHASE 1986).**—Lot 4 and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, of Sec. 1, T. 10 S., R. 25 W., of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona, except that portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, of said Sec. 1, T. 10 S., R. 25 W., lying southeasterly of the north right-of-way line of the Bureau of Reclamation levee.

(2) **PARCEL 2 (SIBLEY PURCHASE 1986).**—Lot 1 and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, of Sec. 2, T. 10 S., R. 25 W., of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona.

(3) **PARCEL 3 (MCDANIEL PURCHASE 1993).**—That part of the E $\frac{1}{2}$, of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, lying south of the East Main Bureau of Reclamation Canal right of way in Sec. 30, T. 9 S., R. 23 W., of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona.

(4) **PARCEL 4 (HOLLAND PURCHASE 1997).**—That portion of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, of Sec. 31, T. 16 S., R. 22 E., of the San Bernardino Base and Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona, lying north of the levee and Salinity Canal; except the north 220 feet.

(5) **PARCEL 5 (HOLLAND PURCHASE 1997).**—An easement over the easterly 15 feet of the north 220 feet of that portion of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, of Sec. 31, T. 16 S., R. 22 E., of the San Bernardino Base and Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona, lying north of the levee and Salinity Canal for irrigation purposes.

(6) **PARCEL 6 (POWERS PURCHASE 1997).**—Lots 21, 24, and 25, Sec. 29, and Lots 16 and 17 and the N $\frac{1}{2}$, of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, of Sec. 30, T. 16 S., R. 22 E., of the San Bernardino Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona, according to the dependent resurvey of the Bureau of Land Management, accepted December 9, 1960.

(7) **PARCEL 7 (SPEED WAY PURCHASE 2005).**—That portion of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 30, T. 9 S., R. 23 W., of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona, lying south and east of the East Main Canal; except the south 33 feet thereof; except one-third interest in and to all mineral rights, as reserved in the deed recorded in Docket 1461, page 600, records of Yuma County, Arizona.

(c) **LANDS TO BE MADE PART OF THE RESERVATION.**—Land taken into trust pursuant to subsection (a) shall be considered to be part of the Tribe's initial reservation.

(d) **SERVICE AREA.**—For the purposes of the delivery of Federal services to enrolled members of the Tribe, the Tribe's service area shall be Yuma County, Arizona.

(e) **GAMING PROHIBITED.**—Land taken into trust for the benefit of the Tribe under this Act shall not be used for gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

SEC. 5. REGULATIONS.

The Secretary may promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the committee amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Committee amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

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SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) The reservation of the Cocopah Tribe of Arizona is located in Yuma County, Arizona.

(2) That reservation was created by an Executive order signed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1917.

(3) The Tribe's land holdings are located within 3 noncontiguous reservations comprising a total of approximately 6,226.3 acres of trust land.

(4) The Tribe purchased the additional lands to provide infrastructure to housing areas, water, and economic development to tribal members.

(5) The current trust land base of the reservation is insufficient to provide such needs.

(6) The Tribe acquired 7 parcels of land contiguous to its present reservation lands in 1986, 1993, 1997, and 2005, and these parcels are currently classified as "Tribal fee lands" under Federal law.

(7) The acquired parcels shall not be taken into trust for gaming purposes.

(8) The best means of solving the Tribe's land and economic needs to its tribal members is to require the Secretary to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona, that are acquired by the Tribe into trust for the Tribe subject to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this Act, the following definitions apply:

(1) **TRIBE.**—The term "Tribe" means the Cocopah Tribe of Arizona.

(2) **SECRETARY.**—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 4. LANDS TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST.

(a) **LANDS TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST.**—If the Tribe transfers title to the land described in subsection (b) to the Secretary, the Secretary shall take that land into trust for the benefit of the Tribe, if at the time of such transfer there are no recognized environmental conditions or contamination related concerns and no adverse legal claims to such land, including outstanding liens, mortgages, or taxes owed.

(b) **LAND DESCRIBED.**—The land referred to in subsection (a) is described as follows:

(1) **PARCEL 1 (SIBLEY PURCHASE 1986).**—Lot 4 and the SW¹/₄ of the NW¹/₄, of Sec. 1, T. 10 S., R. 25 W., of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona, except that portion of the SW¹/₄ of the NW¹/₄, of said Sec. 1, T. 10 S., R. 25 W., lying southeasterly of the north right-of-way line of the Bureau of Reclamation levee.

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(c) **LANDS TO BE MADE PART OF THE RESERVATION.**—Land taken into trust pursuant to subsection (a) shall be considered to be part of the Tribe's initial reservation.

(d) **SERVICE AREA.**—For the purposes of the delivery of Federal services to enrolled members of the Tribe, the Tribe's service area shall be Yuma County, Arizona.

(e) **GAMING PROHIBITED.**—Land taken into trust for the benefit of the Tribe under this Act shall not be used for gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from the Virgin Islands?

There was no objection.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. Speaker, the pending measure, introduced by our colleague, Representative RAUL GRIJALVA, would place land and into trust owned by a tribe located in a remote area of Arizona.

The land will be used for housing, water, and non-gaming economic development opportunities.

Similar measures were introduced in the 107th and the 109th Congresses. Resolution of this matter is long overdue.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

The title was amended so as to read: "A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take lands in Yuma County, Arizona, into trust as part of the reservation of the Cocopah Tribe of Arizona, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ALLOWING YSLETA DEL SUR PUEBLO TRIBE TO DETERMINE BLOOD QUANTUM REQUIREMENT

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the imme-

mediate consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 1696) to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe to determine blood quantum requirement for membership in that Tribe.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from the Virgin Islands?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 1696

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. BLOOD QUANTUM REQUIREMENT DETERMINED BY TRIBE.

Section 108(a)(2) of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act (25 U.S.C. 1300g-7(2)) is amended by striking "if the descendant" and all that follows through the end of the paragraph and inserting "if the descendant is enrolled by the tribe".

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. Speaker, one of the greatest exercises of tribal sovereignty is the ability of a tribe to determine their tribal membership. This measure would allow a Texas Tribe to determine the blood quantum requirement for membership in that tribe.

Congressman REYES of Texas introduced H.R. 1696 to restore the Tribe's right to determine its own membership requirements by deleting a blood quantum requirement specified in a 1987 law. Passage of this legislation would extend to the Tribe the same sovereign right possessed by all other Indian tribes—the ability to determine who is and is not a member of the Tribe.

This measure is long overdue. Similar legislation has been introduced every Congress since the 106th Congress.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS LAND PROCLAMATION

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 2120) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to proclaim as reservation for the benefit of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians a parcel of land now held in trust by the United States for that Indian tribe.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from the Virgin Islands?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 2120

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LAND TO BE PROCLAIMED RESERVATION.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the